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# The Reg Bestie

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## Alum Discusses Importance of Public Service

By Peter Mooney

"Think about this life as precious. Think about it as yours. To wrestle with. To control," said Roger Wilkins, professor of history and American culture at George Mason University. Wilkins spoke Friday as part of the law school's Alternative Practices Conference.

Wilkins' life has certainly been his own. A 1956 graduate of the law school, Wilkins has won a Pulitzer Prize, been an editorial writer for both *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post*, a U.S. assistant Attorney General and a member of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund's board of directors. He's also worked in the movement for sanctions against South Africa and with New York Civil Liberties Union.

Wilkins didn't know at first he would have such a multi-faceted career. When he emerged from law school, he was drafted into the army.

Initially, Wilkins said he dreaded the prospect of living and training with people

who didn't read books or who hadn't been to college. It didn't take long for him to decide this was an advantage. That's the terrific thing about the draft. It made you realize you were part of something bigger than yourself."

Once he began his career, Wilkins' first steps were along the well-trod path to a large, midtown Manhattan law firm. Around the time he was told he would be made a partner, Wilkins decided to change directions.

Wilkins joined the Aid for International Development agency during the Kennedy administration. "Where were all the brilliant people? I asked myself. I had known all these brilliant people at in the law school. Then, I realized they were all on Wall Street," he said.

While with *The Post*, Wilkins won his Pulitzer Prize for editorials on Watergate. "When they first assigned it to me, they said they'd normally not assign anything so petty, but would I mind writing about

this break-in at the Watergate?"

By pursuing careers in journalism, government and academia, Wilkins said he realizes he has made some sacrifices. "I had lunch with a guy from my old firm. He said if I'd stayed I'd be making \$700,000 now. I've never made more than a third of that in a single year, but I don't know anyone who's happier than I am," Wilkins said.

At the same time, Wilkins told questioners that if they have an interest in big firm practice, they should try that before exploring other areas. He explained that it's much easier to move from a firm into public service or another career than to go in the opposite direction.

Another question dealt with the war in the gulf. Wilkins gave a measured response, disputing the questioners' characterization of U.S. foreign policy as "egregious."

"At first I thought our policy was right," Wilkins said. "I believe that Saddam may be the worst man on earth. But I don't

think diplomacy was pursued vigorously enough and I don't think our allies are contributing enough."



## MSA Rep Reports Your MSA Dollars Hard at Work

By Michael David Warren, Jr.

This is a story of our Michigan Student Assembly. It's a sad, sad story. This is a story of financial waste, deficit spending, and how the law school is losing money as you read this paper.

Every law student pays close to \$7 a semester to the Michigan Student Assembly. And as an MSA representative, I can tell you that most of that money is wasted. Beside funding fact-finding missions to the West Bank and El Salvador, MSA allocates large amounts of money to activities like parties, fashion shows, etc.

Everyone has heard about the \$500 hammers the military buys, but I have come to the firm belief that one cannot understand the true scope of government waste until they watch MSA. During my fifth meeting, I partook in an appropriations vote. Grouped together in few pages were the Budget Priorities Committee's (BPC) recommendations for allocations to various student organizations. Some were worthy, but a few were asking for the equivalent of a \$1000 toilet. The best example of these rather wasteful requests was SISTER's (sorry, it's an acronym for a Politically Correct student organization, but I do not recall the exact words) request for the funding of a fashion show. The BPC recommended that the student body pay \$250 towards the show. I began inquiring into the matter with the BPC Committee Chair the following is a paraphrased version our enlightening conversation:

ME: What do you mean the fashion show will benefit entire university? How is that so?

BPC: (At this point very annoyed) SISTER is an MSA recognized group. The show is open to all members of the university.

ME: So you're saying that because SISTER is a recognized group, that by throwing a fashion show that anyone can go to, it deserves our funding?

BPC: Yes.

Now that I understood what I was up against, I moved to divide the question (which would have divided the large allocations resolution into two separate resolutions—one for the fashion show, and one with the rest of the allocations). I argued that at the very least the \$250 would be better spent paying off the MSA's of thousands of dollars debt instead of an activity which in reality would not benefit the university as a whole. My motion could not even muster a second on the floor; hence, it died. The overall bill passed 24-2.

MSA will waste our money, but there is hope. Please, any law school student organization, including but not limited to the ACLU, Immigration Law Project, IGLS, NLG, Federalist Society, BLSA, WLSA, ALSA, etc. etc. become MSA recognized (an extremely easy process, just drop a note in my pendaflax and we are all half-way there) and request money.

The MSA will, in fact, recognize anyone; we have recognized the "Friends of the Revolutionary Worker's League," the "Pan-Pagan Alliance," and "IMPROV! THIS," among others. And I've been assured that any group that applies should receive funding. For what, you may ask? Throw a party. Bring in another speaker. Buy books. Advertise. Throw a fashion show.

Think of something—anything—and the MSA will fund it.

I also encourage any law student to confront the MSA at its meetings, 3rd Floor of the Union, to the left off the elevators or

to the right from the stairs at 9:00 p.m. Tuesday. So whether you think I am correct or incorrect in my views, let your views be known.

## Thongs Win on Appeal

This was about principles, not just hockey, exclaimed Field Marshall/Coach Patrick "Schwartzkopf" Romain before the *Thongs on Ice* game against Markley, an undergraduate dorm.

About 40 law students and one actuary arrived at Yost Arena to support their team. Romain urges fans to show equal support the first game of the play-offs, which will start either Wednesday or Thursday. The time and day will be posted around the law school.

Shortly after the initial face off, *The Thongs* fell victim to unprovoked aggression. The lightning-fast dorm residents had a 2-0 lead midway through the first period.

The Markley team could skate, pass, move the puck and play defense. In other words, they brought ringers.

Realizing their hockey skills weren't going to win the game, *The Thongs* shifted strategies. To wit, they demanded to see the opposing goalie's student ID. When it turned out the goalie wasn't a student, *The Thongs* cited IM rule violations and demanded sanctions. The officials gave the *Thongs* a richly-deserved free goal because

of the non-student.

That's thinking like lawyers.

Now behind just 3-1 after one period, *Thongs* players began a counter-offensive. Responding to coach Romain's emotional speech between periods, which ended with "suck it up," Bill "Bayonet" Burford, 2L, scored with missile-like shot from the point. Later in the period, Dave "Stealth Bomber" Stillman, 3L, scored for the *Thongs*.

Unfortunately the elite "Markley Guards," led by the infamous "number 91," proved too much. The game ended with *Thongs* down 5-3 and eager to drown their sorrows in beer.

Besides Stillman and Burford, Hans "Battleship" Brigham, 3L, Dave "Sergeant" Schluckebier, 1L, Frank "Gatling Gun" Gaeta, 2L, and Bill "Dreadnought" Dubinsky, 2L, played well.

Eventually, in hockey as in life, lawyers win out. After a post-game protest, IM officials awarded the victory to *The Thongs* because of the Markley team's egregious infractions.

Thus, *The Thongs* will enter the play-offs "undefeated." And, thank God, the Markley team won't be in the play-offs.

# The Res Gestae

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## Top Ten

### Worst Prefacing Remarks Made By Students When Answering a Professor's Question

10. "I know this is off-point, but . . ."
9. "Last summer I worked for Ted Kennedy, and he said . . ."
8. "Actually, I did my undergraduate thesis on this, and . . ."
7. "According to the french philosopher Foucault . . ."
6. "I'm writing my Law Review note on this . . ."
5. "I didn't read the case, but . . ."
4. "Assuming arguendo . . ."
3. "Arguendo . . ."
2. Tie: "Well, I own property and . . ."  
"The last time I went fox-hunting . . ."
1. "You're so fucking stupid, I don't know how you got to be a Professor!"

Compiled By: Spencer Gusick, Jim Johnson, Andrew Manitsky, Pete Mooney, Mark Sanor, and Sad Sayeed.

## Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

On Tuesday, February 12 at 7:30 the Federalist Society will sponsor a panel discussion in Honigman Auditorium which we would like to invite the entire law school community to attend. Tuesday's presentation will address the question whether public agencies that discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation should be permitted to recruit at the law school. In light of the intense controversy that has surrounded this law school policy issue — among both students and administrators — we hope that Tuesday night's open exchange of arguments will be received with significant interest. The event also concerns a topic of legal importance, as the discriminatory practices in this regard by certain public agencies constitute a legally recognized exception to protections that attach in other contexts.

The panel participants will take up diverging perspectives on the issues. From the Michigan Law faculty, Asst. Prof. Suellyn Scarnecchia (Director of the Child Advocacy Clinic) will appear. In addition, Maj. Gen. Hugh Overholt (Ret.), a former Judge Advocate General of the U.S. Army, will visit Ann Arbor to participate. Prof. Scarnecchia and Gen. Overholt will each deliver a presentation, arguing against and in favor of, respectively, the present law school policy allowing public agencies to recruit here notwithstanding their discrimination against gays and lesbians. Prof. Theodore J. St. Antoine will moderate.

Given the highly controversial nature of this issue, we consider it imperative that an extensive question and answer session be included in the format of the event. As moderator of the discussion, Prof. St. Antoine has endorsed such a format, and those in attendance Tuesday night can therefore expect extensive opportunity for participation.

These efforts to ensure that a diverse range of opinions will be heard are consistent with the posture of the Michigan Federalist Society itself. The Federalist Society does not take any position, nor does it advocate any view whatsoever, on the issue to be addressed by the panel. We do believe, however, that this is a matter deserving serious debate, and we take it as our chief role to introduce balanced debate into our intellectual environment at the

law school.

In that spirit, the Federalist Society encourages the whole of the law school community to attend and participate in Tuesday night's event. We anticipate an engaging and constructive discussion.

Greg Zemanick  
 Kathryn Dessayer  
 Charles Ruck  
 Rocco Testani

Officers of the Michigan Federalist Society

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Dear Fellow Law Students:

For those of you who would be willing to write a letter to a soldier in the Persian Gulf, please send your letter to the following address:

Any Service Member  
 Operation Desert Storm  
 APO New York 09848-0006

To be sure your letter goes to troops on the "front lines"—soon to be those in the greatest danger, write to:

Any Infantryman or  
 Any Tank/APC Crewman or  
 Any Pilot

choose any unit: 3rd ACR; 2nd AD; 1st CAV; 3d ID; 2d ACR; 1st AD; 24th ID; 82d ABN; or 101st ABN  
 U.S. Army—Operation Desert Storm

Ordinary postage will suffice. If you wish to write to a specific person, you may call the local offices of the Armed Forces.

This is not about politics; it's simply about giving a soldier something to return from mail-call with. Of course, it does not matter what you write. Most soldiers would probably rather hear about the mundane details of your life than a resuscitation of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" anyway.

Thank You,  
 James Hopenfeld  
 Jim Hooper

## O Sting, Where is Thy Depth?

By Spencer Gusick

I was fairly excited to see that Sting has a new album, *The Soul Cages*. In fact, when I saw State Discount selling it for \$9.99 on CD I was way psyched. Too hip to opt for the typical "jewel box" packaging, the disc comes in a nifty, cardboard, double fold-out album, with some artwork, and a booklet with lyrics. There is a photo of Sting, wearing all black, posing weirdly, and generally looking like Dieter from "Spröckets." It's a shoe-in for the "Best Packaging" Grammy (they do give one, don't they?).

The best word to describe the album is LUSH. The all-digital recording uses some flashy new technique called QSound. I don't understand what it does, but the music sounds good. Now, wait, here's the problem. You take a guy like Sting. He has made some great music in his day. The Police were one of the best and most innovative New Wave groups of the late 70's/early 80's (we're talking before they decided to re-mix "Don't Stand So Close to Me"). His lyrics were intelligent, funny, even politically relevant. And Sting's first two solo albums broadened sonic horizons by subversively, albeit self-consciously, infusing jazz elements into a pop framework. The trouble with *The Soul Cages* is that it doesn't go anywhere new.

The songs are well crafted, and Sting's voice is more viscous and confident than ever. I would even say that all of the songs are "good." But they're just good pop songs. I mean, lots of people can write background music. I expect Sting to produce, ya know? The energy of his earlier albums is missing from this effort. Songs

like "All this Time" and "Jeremiah Blues (Part 1)" are getting deserved airplay, but they offer few surprises. Some of the slow tempo songs . . . I like them but . . . the guy's been listening to Windham Hill or something. Where is the drive of "Shadows in the Rain" or the passion of "Russians"? And Sting's largest, and most unforgivable sin is that he's buried Branford Marsalis on this album. One of the best and most distinctive attributes of Sting's band has been Marsalis' dizzying soprano sax work. Sadly, Branford is given a voice on only a handful of songs, and even then, he is lost in the mix. What's the matter Sting, is your ego too big to accommodate a genuine virtuoso?

Speaking of pretension, Sting is no stranger to the subject, and sadly, his self-importance has gotten the better of the lyrics on this album. Lots of dark imagery here. Shipbuilder's sons, desolate shores, godless seas, falling angels. Come on bro', the existential stuff is a little tiresome; just *what* is the point? It's a good album, but, well, there you have it.

**Outtakes:** Last week the Michigan Theater played "Metropolitan," an excellent 1990 film about insecure college-age debutante/preps (the "Urban Haute-Bourgeoisie"). Witty and fresh, look for this one next time . . . This Saturday the Michigan is showing Woody Allen's first feature, "What's Up, Tiger Lily?" Allen took a Japanese James Bond movie and dubbed voices over it. See Sol Lefkowitz save the recipe for egg salad so good ya could plotz. It's playing with "The Front," which stars Woody and Zero Mostel. It's a serious film about black-listed comedians during the McCarthy era. Both films

are highly recommended . . . "Twin Peaks" continues to please. Poor Leo. It's your move, Coop . . . Does everyone have an opinion about the newest couple on LA Law? She kissed back, huh? I was writing my closed brief . . .

I'm gonna try to do this column weekly, so if you have any arts info that you'd like to see discussed in the RG, drop it in my 'flex. This is now boring me.

## Manitsky

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Dear D.R.,  
 Practice, practice, practice.

—Dr. Manitsky

. . .

Dear Dr. Manitsky,  
 What happened in "First" three weeks ago wise guy? You think you're pretty funny when you write your cute little articles, but when the "Sandman" puts you on the spot, you just crumble. What do you have to say for yourself, Mr. *Res Gestae*?

—Not Impressed

Dear Not Impressed,  
 Leave me alone already!! From now on, I'll pass, okay??

—Dr. Manitsky

The Law School Student Senate

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# PROFESSOR DERRICK A. BELL, JR.

Professor of Law, Harvard Law School

addressing the Law School Community on

## "The Final Civil Rights Act"

Wednesday, February 13

6:00 p.m.

Room 100 - Hutchins Hall  
(Honigman Auditorium)

Reception to Follow in the Lawyers Club Lounge

### The Week at a Glance

**Monday, February 11**

LSSS will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Library Seminar Room.

Harold Cruz will speak about "The Harlem Renaissance" in Room 250 Hutchins Hall at 7 p.m. Sponsored by BLSA.

**Tuesday, February 12**

The Christian Law Students will have a bake sale outside Honigman Auditorium (Room 100 Hutchins Hall) from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m.

A panel discussion on Recruitment at the Law School by Public Agencies that Discriminate on the Basis of Sexual Orientation at 7:30 in Honigman Auditorium (Room 100) Hutchins Hall. The panel features General Hugh Overholt (ret.), Professors St Antoine and Scarnechia. The discussion is sponsored by the Federalist Society.

**Wednesday, February 13**

Harvard Law Professor Derrick A. Bell, Jr. will speak on the the Final Civil Rights Act at 6 p.m. in Honigman Auditorium (Room 100), Hutchins Hall as part of the Clark Klein and Beaumont Lectureship Series. A reception follows immediately in the Lawyers Club Lounge.

**Thursday, February 14**

BLSA Valentine Basket Distribution in 138 Hutchins Hall from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The Christian Law Students meet in the Cook Lounge, Section N of the Lawyers Club, at 5:30 p.m.

**Friday, February 15**

Environmental Law Society planning meeting at Noon, ELS office.

**Saturday, February 16**

Casino Night, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Lawyers Club Lounge. Sponsored by LSSS. Semi-formal, Law School I.D. required.

**Monday, February 18**

LSSS will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Library Seminar Room.

Announcements or personal notes may be turned in to The Res Gestae's pendafler (300 Hutchins Hall) by noon Friday for publication the following Monday. Recognized student organizations in good standing with the RG may place announcements of upcoming events or meetings free of charge. Individuals may place personal notes for 50¢ for the first 25 words, and 25¢ for each additional 10 words. Remittance must be submitted with your ad.

### LAW SCHOOL AWARD NOMINATIONS

**Award Nominations:** Nominations are requested from the student body for several awards given annually at the Spring Honors Convocation.

The Jane L. Mixer Memorial Awards are made to the law students who have made the greatest contribution to activities designed to advance the cause of social justice.

The Irving Stenn Jr. Award is intended for a student who has made outstanding contributions through extracurricular activities to the well-being and strength of the Law School or University.

The National and Michigan Associations of Women Lawyers Awards are each given to a law student who has demonstrated achievement and motivation as a student in academic and community work and potential for future contribution to social justice and to the advancement of women in the legal community and in society.

The Michigan State Bar Negligence Section Award is in recognition of a student's outstanding performance in the area of community involvement.

Students may make more than one nomination and are encouraged to make them soon. To make a nomination, please submit a written statement describing the activities and contributions of the nominee(s). Since the nominating statement is frequently the Awards Committee's only source of information, it should be complete and contain all the information about the nominee(s) which you wish to have considered. Please submit your nomination(s) to Dean Gordan's office, 303 Hutchins Hall, by February 15, 1991.

### To The Law School Community:

The Res Gestae seeks your ideas as we plan the six issues following spring break. We expect to devote a significant portion of the RG toward the Opinion Section, which will present several provocative essays. Each week, the RG will focus on a different issue, and we would like to present different, hopefully opposing, viewpoints.

The RG's first forum will focus on the Placement Office, which raises several issues (e.g. its purpose and its effectiveness). We welcome any thoughtful opinions. Please contact Sad Sayeed or Mark Sanor by pendafler or phone this week with your ideas. Deadline for submissions: Thursday, February 21.

What issues would you like to see discussed by fellow students? What opinions do you have? This is your opportunity to have a direct impact on the great debates at the Law School. Drop your suggestions in the R.G. pendafler outside room 300.

—Mark Sanor and Sad Sayeed

Ask Dr. Manitsky

Did the Doctor Choke in First Amendment?

Dear Dr. Manitsky,

I keep seeing Michael David Warren, Jr. (2L) and Ellen Ahern (2L, summer starter) having dinner together at Taco Bell. What's going on? I thought she was engaged!

-Inquiring Mind

Dear Inquiring Mind,

My sources tell me that Ellen is, in fact, engaged to a University of Chicago law student. Moreover, Señor Warren has a steady girlfriend in Philly. Apparently, they meet every Sunday, often at a crass location like the Bell, and have a Platonic time.

-Dr. Manitsky

Dear Dr. Manitsky,

I have a somewhat personal question to ask you. I'm in "First Amendment" with you. A couple of weeks ago, Professor Sandalow called on you, and although your response was fine from a legal standpoint, I was disappointed. Quite frankly, you weren't very funny, and I thought that you were supposed to be this real funny guy. My question is, what happened?

-Confused

Dear Confused,

I really wasn't trying to be funny in "First Amendment." And do you know why? Because our first amendment rights are no laughing matter. Not only do they lie at the very core of what makes this country great, but they are also the reason that I can get away with this crappy gossip column. Moreover, Professor Sandalow is a very fine law professor, and I would not dream of interrupting his carefully crafted classroom discussions with some cheap "class clown" antics. I respect him. Not just as a

professor, but as a man.

-Dr. Manitsky

Dear Dr. Manitsky,

Maybe you can help me. I've been seeing this guy for about four weeks now. We're both law students. Things have been going very well, except for this one sexual problem. See, whenever we're making love, and he's about to climax, he says over and over "The contract is consummated as soon as the first substantial act has been done as requested by the offeree." What should I do?

-Ms. X (3L)

Dear Ms. X,

Clearly you should consummate the contract. Also, it is worth noting that your lover is quoting from Chapter 3, section 62, of Corbin's contracts hornbook (the one-volume edition). I'm sure you agree that this is strange behavior, especially considering the fact that the much more impressive Farnsworth's contracts hornbook has just come out in a second edition. You don't say so in your letter, but I assume there haven't been any problems with anticipatory breaches. If so, then I suggest you either buy your lover the Farnsworth, or try talking him into some unilaterals.

-Dr. Manitsky

Dear Dr. Manitsky,

Why don't we have "homeroom" anymore?

-Mike Berg (2L)

Dear Berg,

That's a good question. I tried calling Dean Bollinger

to ask her about it, but she refused to speak to me.

-Dr. Manitsky

Dear Dr. Manitsky,

Professor Sandalow called on you in "First Amendment" three weeks ago, and your answer to his question was pretty regular. Why didn't you make some jokes, funny man? Scared of the big guy's curve?

-3L

Dear 3L,

Look, I thought we covered this. I just didn't feel like making a joke, OK?

-Dr. Manitsky

Dear Dr. Manitsky,

Did I see Professor Kamisar carrying flowers the other day?

-Anonymous First-Year

Dear Anonymous First-Year,

Yes, you did. He was carrying some very attractive lillies, in fact. Greg "Orifice" Arovas (2L) confronted the Kamster about it in the Legal Research elevator, but all he said was that they were "for Groundhog's Day."

-Dr. Manitsky

Dear Dr. Manitsky,

This summer I'll be working in New York City. I've lined up an apartment on the Lower East Side of Manhattan. I don't really know my way around the city. How do you get to Carnegie Hall?

-D.R.

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Law in the Raw

By Blum, Oana, Welsh & Wisotzkey

A Bedtime Story for Lawyers

... and just as the Wolf seized Little Red Riding Hood, the Woodsman burst through the door and killed the Wolf with his ax."

Immediately, the attorneys for the relatives of the Wolf filed a suit against the Woodman for wrongful death; the Woodsman had acted upon presumption, not having seen the Grandmother actually being eaten. Besides, the Wolf had been abused as a pup and was merely reacting by cross-dressing. In addition, the attorneys for the Wolf's relatives sued LRRH for entrapment: She had told him where to go and she presented an allurements. Finally, the attorneys (acting with the Sierra Club) sued the State for nonenforcement of the Endangered Species Act.

The attorneys for the Woodsman countered with a suit against the Wolf, saying that the Woodsman had acted for LRRH in good faith under the "good Samaritan" provision of the law. And he, too, had a deprived childhood. Action was taken against LRRH for provoking the Woodsman into unpremeditated and precipitous action with her undirected screams. His attorneys (acting with the ACLU) also filed against the State because the law was vague; it said nothing about disguised wolves.

Soon the attorneys for LRRH filed against the Wolf's estate for psychological damage and for depriving her of a beloved Grandma. The Woodsman was also sued for breaking and entering. Her attorneys (acting with the Committee for Juvenile Justice) sued the State for failure to protect its citizens against wolves no matter how disguised and for failure to monitor properly the Child Protective Laws.

In turn, the State made claims against the Grandmother's estate, saying that such assistance as provided by LRRH had made her ineligible for the welfare

program. The State proceeded against the Wolf - use of a disguise in the commission of a crime. Finally, the State advised OSHA that the Woodsman's ax was substandard and unsafe.

The State Legislature quickly formed a Committee to study the implications and report. After seven months of study and deliberation, the Committee recommended to the State that the law be amended to include the subject of cross-dressed wolves.

And they all lived happily ever after because nobody had to pay; they were all bankrupt (yes, even the State) after dozens of attorneys had collected.

- Wall Street Journal  
Thanks to Joe

The Truth, the Whole Truth, and . . .

A witness was paying scant regard to the oath he had taken and deviating widely from the path of the truth when the judge intervened. "Look here, Sir," the judge admonished, "tell me no more unnecessary lies. Such lies as your attorney advises you are necessary for the presentation of your fraudulent case I will listen to. I shall decide against you whatever you swear, but if you tell me another unnecessary lie I'll put you in the dock!"

. . . Nothing But the Truth

Another witness who was drawing rather generously from his imagination fared somewhat better before the legendary Lord Darling:

Lord Darling (sternly): Tell me, in your country, what happens to a witness who does not tell the truth?

Witness (with complete candor): Begar, me Lord. I think his side usually wins.

- Texas Bar Journal (previous two selections)

Wedding Bliss Harpooned by Law School Angst

Two law school graduates in Fort Lauderdale, Florida are suing the rabbi who married them for \$130K. In their lengthy claim for seven times the wedding's cost, they assert that he spoiled the bride's "grand entrance," reignited the groom's old back injury, and, on top of all that, is not "even a real rabbi." The real rabbi says that he was ten minutes late "tops" and had to sit cooling his heels while the couple argued for an hour. Wonder what the divorce will be like.

- Student Lawyer

Encourage Americans to Read-- Throw the Book at Them

An Atlanta woman, Karen Lindsay, was jailed overnight for failing to appear in court on the charge of not paying her library fines on seven books. Lindsay is fighting back, not to mention fighting mad, and she's suing the city for \$500,000 claiming false arrest and wrongful prosecution. She says she never received notice to appear and, anyway, she returned the books a year ago. Sure, sure, that is what these criminal elements always say.

- Student Lawyer

And now, the return of our popular series, Alternatives to the Socratic Method!

The Shakespearic Method

Each class is in five acts. All discussion is in iambic pentameter. Veiled potshots at powerful political figures are worth extra points, but the main idea is good entertainment. Crucial: When it's all over, no one can understand a thing anyone else said.

The Sadistic Method

See, Socratic Method